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SUBJECT: U.S.-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION: FOLLOW-UP ON COMMIT-
TEE MEETINGS

FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON FROM SOBER

1. FOLLOWING IS FULL SUBSTANCE OF MATERIALS SENT TO ME BY
U.S. CHAIRMEN OF FOUR COMMITTEES IN RESPONSE TO YOUR MEMO-
RANDUM OF FEBRUARY 10. TABOR NOT YET RETURNED.

2. NUCLEAR ENERGY (RAY). (COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTED IN
PARIS 1949 AND TEHRAN 813.) A) IF WE ARE TO SIGN NUCLEAR
AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION AT TIME OF COMMISSION MEETING, WE
NEED GOI COMMENTS/CONCURRENCE IN DRAFT TEXT SOONEST. (USG
PROCEDURES TO OBTAIN AUTHORITY TO SIGN, WHICH INCLUDE FOR-
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MAL APPROVAL OF FINAL TEXT BY ERDA ADMINISTRATOR AND BY

PRESIDENT, REQUIRE CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME TO COMPLETE.) WE HOPE GOI WILL AUTHORIZE ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO INITIAL TEXT OF AGREEMENT (INCLUDING MINOR TECHNICAL CHANGES SUGGESTED IN STATE 028385) SO THAT WE MAY GET THOSE PROCEDURES UNDER WAY IMMEDIATELY. B) WE HAVE COMMENTED SEPARATELY (STATE 35095) ON CERTAIN QUESTION ON DRAFT AGREEMENT PUT BY ETEMAD TO FORMER USAEC COMMISSIONER DOUB. C) ERDA IS PROCEEDING WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR U.S.-IRAN DESALTING SEMINAR

TO BE HELD AT OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LAB AND HAS SUGGESTED WEEKS OF APRIL 7 AND 14. IN ADDITION TO SEMINAR, VISITS FOR IRANIAN DELEGATION COULD BE ARRANGED TO ERDA LABS FOR FAMILIARIZATION WITH U.S. ACTIVITIES AND PROCEDURES IN NUCLEAR ENERGY TRAINING, RESEARCH, LICENSING AND REGULATION. ERDA NEEDS REPLY ON ACCEPTABILITY OF TIMING TO PERMIT DETAILED PLANNING. AEOI SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT ERDA IS PLANNING FOR MEETINGS HERE WITH M.H. FARZIN FEB 25-28 TO DISCUSS NUCLEAR SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS. D) SHOULD BE STRESSED THAT WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN SEEING PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN IRAN AND U.S. SUPPLIERS FOR PURCHASE U.S. POWER REACTORS. E) U.S. WOULD BE INTERESTED IN CURRENT IRANIAN PLANS FOR PARTICIPATION IN UEA PROJECT FOR COMMERCIAL U.S.-BASED URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT.

3. MANPOWER AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION (SEGALL). (COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTED IN STATE 29386.)

A) DR. NASSERI, IRANIAN COMMITTEE HEAD, SHOWED CAUTION WHILE IN WASHINGTON NOT REPEAT NOT TO TAKE ANY STEPS TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS AGREED TO IN COMMITTEE MEETING IN ADVANCE OF THEIR APPROVAL BY JOINT COMMISSION. HE APPEARED ANXIOUS TO AVOID APPEARING TO POACH ON DECISION-MAKING PRESERVES OF HIS SUPERIORS. GIVEN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU MIGHT WISH IN YOUR CONTACTS WITH NASSERI TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE HAS ANYTHING MORE TO BRING TO USG ATTENTION AT THIS TIME.

B) IN RESPONSE TO GOI REQUEST, U.S. MANPOWER ADVISER BURNIE MERSON IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TEHRAN FEB 24 TO WORK
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WITH MINISTRY OF LABOR. HIS MISSION IS TO PREPARE WAY FOR PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIORITY PROJECTS IN LABOR AND MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT. MERSON PARTICIPATED IN COMMITTEE MEETING HERE AND IN ADVANCE PLANNING BEGUN IN DECEMBER 1974 FOR PROJECTS OF LABOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO IRAN. MERSON IS SINGULARLY QUALIFIED TO EXPEDITE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS TO WHICH IRANIANS ASSIGN HIGH PRIORITY.

4. AGRICULTURE (WEST). (COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTED IN TEHRAN 1224.)

A) FOLLOW-UP DESIRABLE ON DEVELOPMENT OF A LARGE AGRICULTURAL AREA IN IRAN AS REGIONAL CENTER FOR PRODUCTION, STORAGE, PROCESSING, DISTRIBUTION AND AGRICULTURAL

TECHNOLOGY. IRANIANS HAVE NOT YET MADE CLEAR WHICH PRESENT AGRICULTURAL AREA THEY HAVE IN MIND, NOR HAVE THEY GOTTEN INTO THE STRUCTURAL-ORGANIZATIONAL CONCEPTS; IT WOULD APPARENTLY, HOWEVER, BE A TVA-STYLE UNDERTAKING. USDA ALONE IS NOT EQUIPPED FOR SUCH A VAST UNDERTAKING, AND OUR COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR THIS VENTURE WILL REQUIRE HIGH-LEVEL INTERAGENCY SUPPORT. WE MAY HAVE TO THINK OF SOMETHING LIKE THE TAIWANESE JOINT COMMISSION ON RURAL RECONSTRUCTION. FOR THE MOMENT, AGRICULTURE DEPT. WILL HAVE TO BE REPRESENTED IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SET UP UNDER TABOR'S ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. YOU MIGHT TRY TO SOUND OUT IRANIAN IDEAS--WHICH ARE AMBITIOUS--IN MORE DETAIL AND DETERMINE WHAT THE RELATIVE ROLES MIGHT BE FOR THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

B) AGRICULTURAL PORT FACILITIES. AS ABOVE, WOULD BE HELPFUL TO GET MORE SPECIFICS ON WHAT IRANIANS HAVE IN MIND. GOI AG MINISTER BROUGHT UP THIS IDEA AT THE LAST MEETING AND EVEN THE DEPUTY MINISTER MAY NOT BE CLUED IN COMPLETELY. WHAT PORT DO THEY HAVE IN MIND, EXISTING OR NEW? WHAT IS THE PRESENT INFRASTRUCTURE? DO THE IRANIANS WANT A PRIVATE SURVEY OUTFIT TO LOOK OVER THE POSSIBILITIES OR DO THEY WANT THE USG TO FIELD A TEAM? WE SUSPECT THE IRANIANS HOPE TO USE THIS PORT FACILITY TO HELP SUPPLY SOME OF THEIR NEIGHBORS, E.G., AFGHANISTAN, THE GULF

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STATES; THIS SHOULD BE CONFIRMED.

C) RE FERTILIZER, BELIEVE POATS IS ADEQUATELY BRIEFED ON WHAT SHOULD BE RAISED. EMBASSY TEHRAN AG ATTACHE HAS SOME OTHER DETAILS. UNDERSTAND TABOR DID NOT DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT MUCH IN HIS COMMITTEE MEETING.

5. SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND EDUCATION (RAY). (COMMITTEE REPORT BEING SENT SEPTTEL.)

A) FOLLOWING SPECIFIC ACTIONS WERE AMONG THOSE RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE AT LAST WEEK'S MEETING HERE:

1) OCEANOGRAPHY. VISIT OF IRANIAN TEAM TO U.S. FOR SEVERAL MONTHS' ORIENTATION AND SUBSEQUENT FORMATION OF

A JOINT WORKING GROUP TO MEET AT CALL OF GOI SIDE OF S,T
AND E COMMITTEE.

2) SEISMIC STUDIES, GEOLOGICAL AND MINERAL SURVEYS. GOI
WILL IDENTIFY AN INDIVIDUAL IN IRAN TO COORDINATE SELEC-
TION OF AN INTERINSTITUTIONAL GROUP TO VISIT U.S. NATIONAL

CENTER FOR EARTHQUAKE RESEARCH AND SELECTED UNIVERSITIES
TO ESTABLISH DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR JOINT RESEARCH AND
TRAINING OF IRANIAN SCIENTISTS. VISIT TO IRAN BY ONE OR
MORE U.S. EXPERTS IN EXPLORATION GEOPHYSICS TO IDENTIFY
FIELDS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, FACILITIES, ETC. IDENTIFICATION
BY U.S. OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION THAT PROVIDE SPECIAL-
IZED TRAINING IN GEOPHYSICAL TECHNIQUES.

3) REMOTE SENSING APPLICATIONS. GOI WILL DESIGNATE
ONE OF ITS AGENCIES AS COORDINATING BODY FOR COOPERATION
IN UTILIZING REMOTE SENSING DATA.

4) RADIO ASTRONOMY. VISIT TO U.S. BY DR. J.A. HAMED
TO INVESTIGATE COOPERATION.

5) EDUCATION. U.S. SHOULD UNDERTAKE SPECIAL STUDY OF
WAYS FOR FACILITATING AND EXPEDITING ESTABLISHMENT OF RE-
LATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND IRANIAN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
LEARNING INCLUDING ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW OF EXISTING AND
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ANTICIPATED RELATIONSHIPS. U.S. SHOULD ORGANIZE TEAMS OF
EXPERTS IN AREAS TO BE JOINTLY DEFINED WHICH WOULD CONSULT
WITH GOI IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY.

B) IRANIANS VIEWED THIS FIRST MEETING AS LARGELY TO
IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE FUTURE COOPERATION COULD BE USEFUL
AND TO GET U.S. AGREEMENT TO INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS
(E.G., UNIVERSITY-TO-UNIVERSITY, SISTER LABS) DR. PARSA,
IRANIAN HEAD, STATED THAT HE WAS NOT AUTHORIZED OR PRE-
PARED TO AGREE TO SPECIFIC PROJECTS OR SCHEDULE AT COM-
MITTEE MEETING. ALSO IRANIAN DELEGATION WAS SMALL AND
LACKED EXPERTISE FOR DISCUSSIONS IN SEVERAL AREAS (E.G.,
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES, ARID ZONE RESEARCH).

C) YOU MIGHT SUGGEST THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE
SPECIFIC AGENCY, INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATIONS AND SUGGESTED
SCHEDULES OF AT LEAST SOME IRANIAN VISITS COULD BE FOR-
WARDED BEFORE ANSARY TRIP. WE FEEL THAT BALL ON IDENTIFI-
CATION AND SUGGESTED TIMING LIES LARGELY IN IRANIAN COURT.
WE ARE PREPARED TO RESPOND IN MOST AREAS, INCLUDING
ASSISTANCE IN PROJECT DEFINITION, WHEN IRANIANS LET US
KNOW HOW THEY WANT TO MOVE. (NOTE: LATTER IS OF COURSE

CONTINGENT ON RESOURCES LIMITATION, INCLUDING TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT.)
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